

CountCOFI Remora Manual

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The CountCOFI Remora was built into *Triton* to modularize the post-survey CalCOFI data processing workflow into four simple steps, allowing users to easily generate data tables, sighting and effort summary and tables, and maps of visual sightings and visual effort.

This manual details the steps required to generate tables and figures using the CountCOFI Remora for visual survey data collected onboard CalCOFI surveys using the CountCOFI software. A detailed user manual for the CountCOFI data collection software can be found here:

"\\frosty.ucsd.edu\GOOGLE_DRIVE_BU\MBARC_ALL\CalCOFI\code\fromBJT\countCOFI\manual"

CountCOFI Remora Software requirements:

- RStudio
- Matlab (<2016b)
- *Triton*
- GMT/MATLAB Toolbox (built with GMT version 6.3.0, could probably be used on versions thereafter but be wary)
 - <https://www.generic-mapping-tools.org/> - main page, can find and download GMT
 - <https://github.com/GenericMappingTools/gmtmex?tab=readme-ov-file> - gmtmex GitHub for those that need to download this (only applies to macOS people)
 - https://docs.generic-mapping-tools.org/5.4/matlab_wrapper.html - installation explicit instructions, note for Windows you only need to download the GMT package from the website and not gmtmex from Github
 - <https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2016GC006723> - paper that used tool, good to reference for understanding what the parameters are within a gmt function
- M_map package (download here: <https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/~rich/map.html>) and a GSHHS high-resolution coastline database (<version 2.3.7 (Remora built with 2.3.7)) download here: <https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/shorelines/data/gshhs/>)
 - It is nice to unzip/uncompress the GSHHS data into `m_map/data`, otherwise, you have to edit the `FILNAME` setting in `m_gshhs.m` to point to the appropriate files
 - Refer to this (<https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/~rich/mapug.html#p1>) for getting started with m_map (i.e., how to download) and this (<https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/~rich/mapug.html#p8.6>) regarding GSHHS data in m_map

CountCOFI Remora Data Requirements:

- CountCOFI daily raw .txt files from a given CalCOFI survey.
- Ships underway data, ie the GPS coordinates of ship trackline. This can be obtained from the CalCOFI Chief Scientist and may be uploaded to the CalCOFI website, accessible [here](#). Needs to be formatted as a csv with datetime in column 1, latitude in column 2, and longitude in column 3 (see picture below).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	8/1/2017 19:24	32.695171	-117.232585						
2	8/1/2017 19:25	32.69388825	-117.232355						
3	8/1/2017 19:26	32.69183475	-117.231998						
4	8/1/2017 19:27	32.689771	-117.2316718						
5	8/1/2017 19:28	32.68770675	-117.2313718						
6	8/1/2017 19:29	32.68563925	-117.2311133						
7	8/1/2017 19:30	32.6836045	-117.2307298						
8	8/1/2017 19:31	32.6815805	-117.2305105						
9	8/1/2017 19:32	32.67954075	-117.230276						
10	8/1/2017 19:33	32.6774945	-117.2299848						
11	8/1/2017 19:34	32.6754425	-117.229647						
12	8/1/2017 19:35	32.6733805	-117.2293218						
13	8/1/2017 19:36	32.67132775	-117.2289853						
14	8/1/2017 19:37	32.66929275	-117.228617						
15	8/1/2017 19:38	32.667238	-117.228352						
16	8/1/2017 19:39	32.6651385	-117.2281408						
17	8/1/2017 19:40	32.66301125	-117.2279125						
18	8/1/2017 19:41	32.66079925	-117.2276063						
19	8/1/2017 19:42	32.65821775	-117.227211						
20	8/1/2017 19:43	32.65540325	-117.226656						
21	8/1/2017 19:44	32.65252575	-117.2263455						
22	8/1/2017 19:45	32.6499015	-117.2270993						
23	8/1/2017 19:46	32.64750275	-117.22873						
24	8/1/2017 19:47	32.6449495	-117.2303168						
25	8/1/2017 19:48	32.64235425	-117.23197						
26	8/1/2017 19:49	32.63978425	-117.2337075						
27	8/1/2017 19:50	32.63722725	-117.2354423						
28	8/1/2017 19:51	32.63466375	-117.2371898						
29	8/1/2017 19:52	32.6320665	-117.2388788						
30	8/1/2017 19:53	32.62948575	-117.2406543						
31	8/1/2017 19:54	32.6270575	-117.24246055						
32	8/1/2017 19:55	32.625618	-117.2454375						
33	8/1/2017 19:56	32.62505675	-117.2487195						
34	8/1/2017 19:57	32.62494275	-117.252097						

Step 1.

Before using the CountCOFI Remora, daily raw CountCOFI files must be converted to their “expanded” format using the R Script “cc-expand.R.” A version of this script can be found here:

“./Triton/Remoras/CountCOFI/cmp/expand.R”

Here is an example of raw data output:

```
ev,date,X,Y,spd,hdg,X1,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6,X7,X8,X9,X10,X11,X12,X13,X14,X15,X16,X17,X18,X19,X20,X21,X22,X23,X24,X25
NEW,2016-08-31 07:24:41,Longitude ,Latitude , SP.D, HDG,
EFF,2016-08-31 07:24:41,Longitude ,Latitude , SP.D, HDG,EF
EFF,2016-08-31 07:24:47,-120.9970000,33.9868333, 09.1, 154,0,0,AAA,BBB,001 ,Melville
POS,2016-08-31 07:24:51,-120.9968333,33.9866666, 09.2, 151,
POS,2016-08-31 07:25:01,-120.9966666,33.9861666, 09.3, 152,
SEA,2016-08-31 07:25:10,-120.9965000,33.9860000, 09.6, 155,G ,012,PC ,056,010,030,SL,WNW,0032,01,010
POS,2016-08-31 07:25:11,-120.9963333,33.9858333, 09.4, 156,
POS,2016-08-31 07:25:21,-120.9961666,33.9855000, 09.4, 155,
POS,2016-08-31 07:25:31,-120.9960000,33.9850000, 09.9, 155,
POS,2016-08-31 07:25:41,-120.9956666,33.9846666, 09.8, 155,
POS,2016-08-31 07:25:51,-120.9955000,33.9843333, 09.4, 153,
POS,2016-08-31 07:26:01,-120.9951666,33.9838333, 09.8, 154,
POS,2016-08-31 07:26:11,-120.9950000,33.9835000, 09.2, 153,
POS,2016-08-31 07:26:21,-120.9948333,33.9831666, 09.6, 151,
```

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POS,2016-08-31 07:26:31,-120.9945000,33.9826666, 09.8, 155,
POS,2016-08-31 07:26:41,-120.9941666,33.9823333, 09.9, 154,
```

And here is an example of the raw data in the expanded format:

```
EID,X,Y,ev,when,spd,hdg,cruise,vessel,eff,trn,port,star,qual,vis,precip,cloud,glareL,glareR,glareS,wind.dir,wind.spd,bft,swell,X1
,X2,X3,X4,X5,X6,X7,X8,X9,X10,X11,X12,X13,X14,X15,X16,X17,X18,X19,X20,X21,X22,X23,X24,X25

3,-120.997,33.9868333,EFF,2016-08-31 07:24:47, 09.1, 154,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,NA,NA,NA, NA, NA,
NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,0,0,AAA,BBB,1,Melville , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

4,-120.9968333,33.9866666,POS,2016-08-31 07:24:51, 09.2, 151,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,NA,NA,NA, NA, NA,
NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA, ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

5,-120.9966666,33.9861666,POS,2016-08-31 07:25:01, 09.3, 152,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,NA,NA,NA, NA, NA,
NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA, ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

6,-120.9965,33.986,SEA,2016-08-31 07:25:10, 09.6, 155,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10, 30,SL,WNW,32
,1,10 ,G ,12,PC ,056,10,030,SL,WNW,32,1,10,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

7,-120.9963333,33.9858333,POS,2016-08-31 07:25:11, 09.4, 156,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10,
30,SL,WNW,32 ,1,10 , ,NA, , ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

8,-120.9961666,33.9855,POS,2016-08-31 07:25:21, 09.4, 155,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10, 30,SL,WNW,32
,1,10 , ,NA, , ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

9,-120.996,33.985,POS,2016-08-31 07:25:31, 09.9, 155,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10, 30,SL,WNW,32 ,1,10
, ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA, ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

10,-120.9956666,33.9846666,POS,2016-08-31 07:25:41, 09.8, 155,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10,
30,SL,WNW,32 ,1,10 , ,NA, , ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

11,-120.9955,33.9843333,POS,2016-08-31 07:25:51, 09.4, 153,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10, 30,SL,WNW,32
,1,10 , ,NA, , ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

12,-120.9951666,33.9838333,POS,2016-08-31 07:26:01, 09.8, 154,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10,
30,SL,WNW,32 ,1,10 , ,NA, , ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA

13,-120.995,33.9835,POS,2016-08-31 07:26:11, 09.2, 153,1,Melville ,0,0,AAA,BBB,G ,12 ,PC , 56, 10, 30,SL,WNW,32
,1,10 , ,NA, , ,NA, , ,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA,NA
```

Expanded files simply add effort and conditions fields (observer positions, beaufort sea state, ect) to each line of data output. To run cc-expand.R, the user will need to modify three lines in the script:

ccdate: should be the yyyyymmdd formatted day of the survey.

readpath: file path to raw CountCOFI txt files

writpath: file path to save newly expanded txt files

Screenshot of cc-expand.R for user reference:

```
1- #####
2- ##### CountCOFI Expansion #####
3- #####
4- # STEP 1: enter the date you would like to compile and expand
5- ccdate = 20230703
6- #####
7- # STEP 2: select all (ctrl + a)
8- # STEP 3: run the code (control + enter on windows)
9- #####
10- #####
11- #####
12- #####
13- #####
14- #####
15- #####
16- cc.expand <- function(ccdate,wd="G:/"){
17-   wd <- "L:/" # Dell
18-   readpath = "Shared drives/MBARC_All/CalCOFI/data/countCOFIfiles_2016-2023/2023-07" ; readpath
19-   writpath = "Shared drives/MBARC_All/CalCOFI/data/countCOFIfiles_2016-2023/2023-07/expanded"
```

Note, cc-expand.R must be run on raw txt files from every individual day of a given CalCOFI survey!

- If there are multiple txt files for one day, cc-expand will concatenate all of them by comparing filename strings from the ccdate variable.
- Ideally, cc-expand.R should be run at the end of every day onboard CalCOFI so the observer can quality control the data they collected. If this is not possible, cc-expand.R should be run at the end of every survey.
- Errors with cc-expand.R occur if the user adds unnecessary commas, usually in the comments section, when they are inputting additional information for a sighting, whether change, or shift change.

Step 2:

Once you have made daily expanded files for a given survey, you are ready to use the CountCOFI Remora. The first dropdown option from the CountCOFI Remora is *Make CountCOFI table*:

countCOFI Table File Settings

Directory with Daily Expanded Files

Output Directory for countCOFI Table

Select

Select

Input GMT Time Difference

GMT Time Difference [no. hours]

Input the path to the daily expanded files and the output directory for the table. The CountCOFI table is a concatenated version of the daily expanded files that is formatted to match CalCOFI visual survey tables before CountCOFI existed.

Step 3:

The second dropdown option is *Concatenate Daily Expanded Files*. This step will simply aggregate all of the daily expanded files into one per survey .txt:

Concatenate Daily Expanded Files Settings

Directory with Daily Expanded Files

Output Directory for Concatenated File

Select

Select

Step 4:

The third dropdown option is *Make visEffort Outputs*. This step requires the ships underway GPS track formatted into a .csv file as such:

8/1/2017 19:24	32.69517	-117.233
8/1/2017 19:25	32.69389	-117.232
8/1/2017 19:26	32.69183	-117.232

visEffort Outputs Settings		
File Path of GPS Track	L:\CalCOFI\CalCOFI_visual\CC-201708\GPS_track	Select
File Path of Concatenated File	L:\CalCOFI\CalCOFI_visual\CC-201708\expanded	Select
Output Directory for visEffort Outputs	L:\CalCOFI\CalCOFI_visual\CC-201708\summary	Select

The output of this step will include summary figures and tables for the survey:

- visEffortSummary.csv: a summary table of number of mysticete and odontocete species sighted, number of hours on effort, and on effort trackline distance in km.
- mystInfo.csv: a summary table of the number of groups and number of individuals of each mysticete species sighted while on effort.
- odontInfo.csv: a summary table of the number of groups and number of individuals of each odontocete species sighting while on effort.
- [Genus, species].txt files: for every species observed, a .txt file will be generated with the coordinates of every on-effort observation of that species. These are inputs to the next step.
- Trackline effort: .png with visual survey effort. **Blue** is on effort, **red** is off effort.

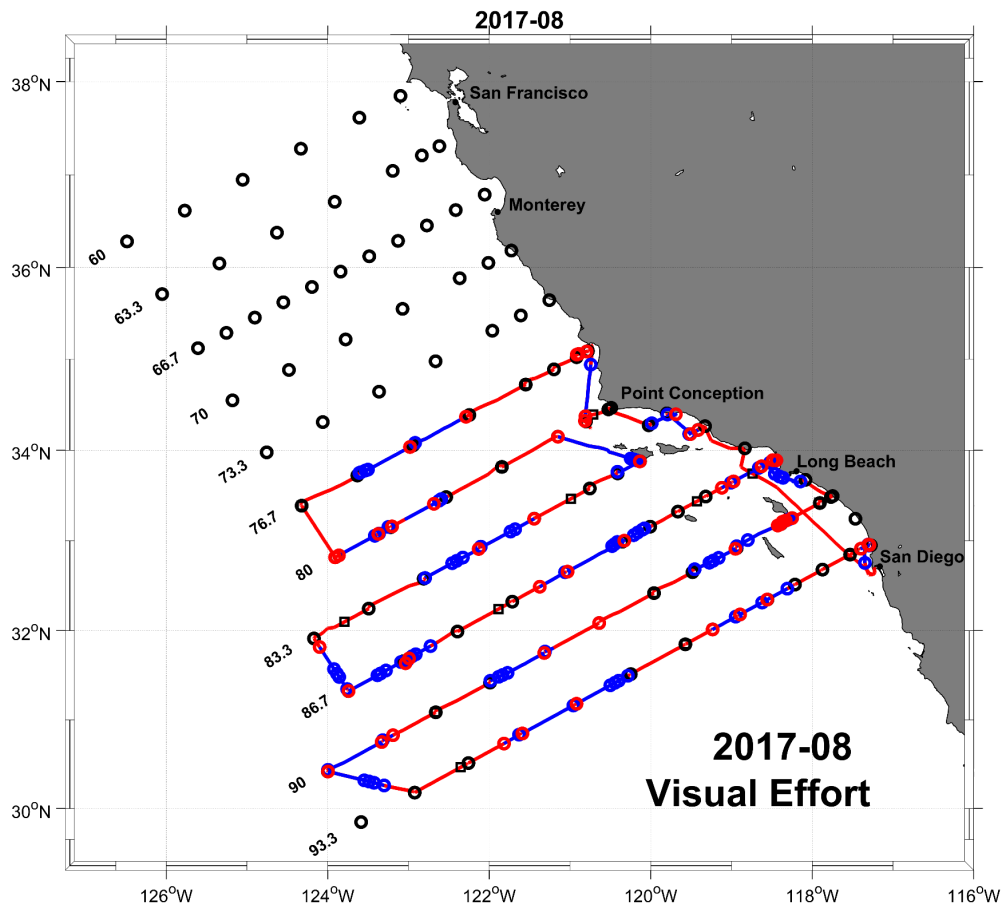


Figure 1. Example of 2017-08 visual survey effort.

Step 5.

Once species observation .txt files have been generated, they can be used as inputs to *Make Odontocete and Mysticete GMT maps*:

Make Odontocete and Mysticete GMT Plots - v1.0

GMT Maps Settings

File Path of GPS Track	L:\CalCOFI\CalCOFI_visual\CC-201708\GPS_track	Select
Directory of Species Sighting Files	L:\CalCOFI\CalCOFI_visual\CC-201708\summary	Select
Output Directory for GMT Maps	L:\CalCOFI\CalCOFI_visual\CC-201708\summary	Select

The outputs are as follows:

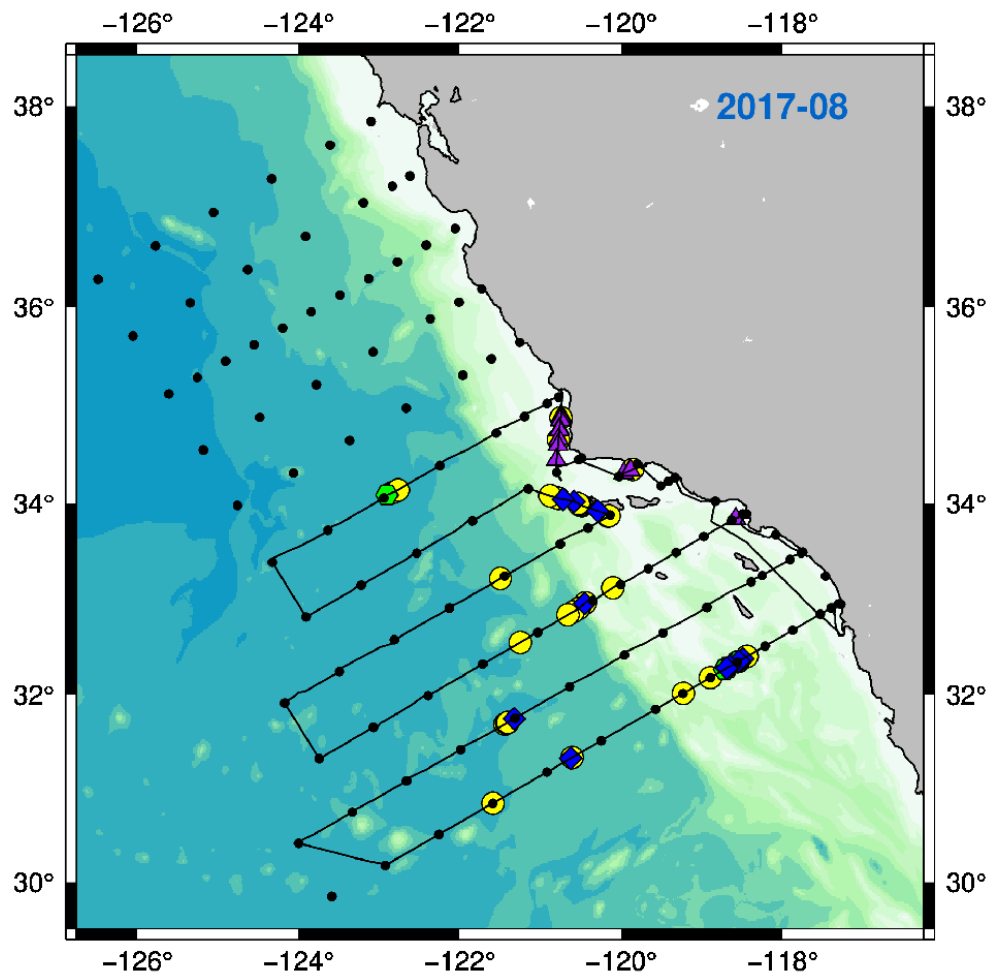


Figure 2. Mysticete sightings overlaid the CalCOFI trackline. Species legend found at: [“./Triton/Remoras/countCOFI/CalofiSpeciesLegend.tiff”](#)

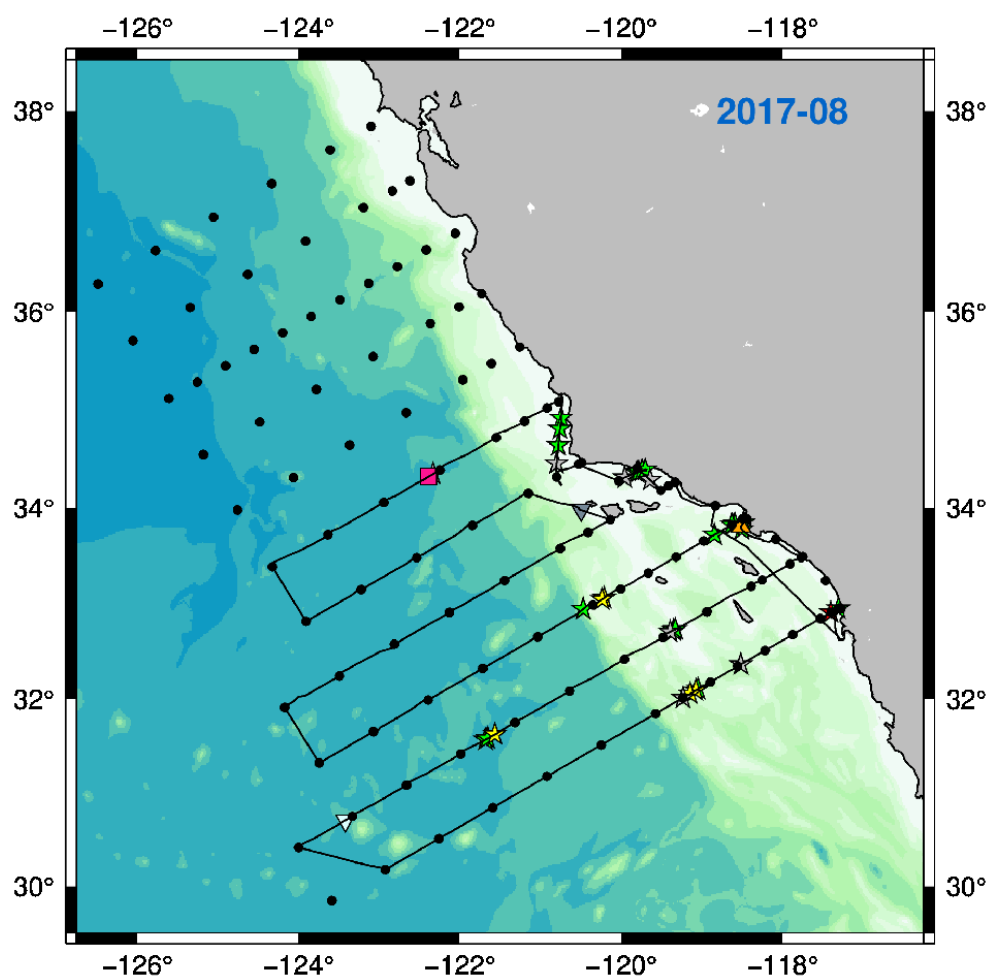








Figure 3. Odontocete sightings overlaid the CalCOFI trackline. Species legend found at: ["/Triton/Remoras/countCOFI/CalofiSpeciesLegend.tiff"](#)

Odontocete Legend

 Unidentified common dolphin	 Short-beaked common dolphin
 Long beaked common dolphin	 Unidentified dolphin or porpoise
 Dall's porpoise	 Risso's dolphin
 Bottlenose dolphin	 Pacific white-sided dolphin
 Northern right whale dolphin	 Sperm whale
 Killer whale	 Cuvier's beaked whale
 Short-finned pilot whale	 Striped dolphin
 Unidentified beaked whale	 Baird's beaked whale
 Unidentified large delphinid	

Mysticete+ULW Legend

 Unidentified large whale	 Humpback whale
 Fin whale	 Gray whale
 Blue whale	 Common minke whale